



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1300***

LCO No. 4320

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
MEDICALLY NECESSARY WEIGHT REDUCTION SURGERY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Each individual health  
2       insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
3       subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general  
4       statutes delivered, issued for delivery, amended, renewed or  
5       continued in this state on or after October 1, 2005, shall provide  
6       coverage for surgery and medically necessary post-surgical care  
7       ordered by a licensed physician for the treatment or management of  
8       obesity. As used in this section, "obesity" means a body mass index  
9       greater than thirty.

10       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Each group health insurance  
11       policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),  
12       (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,  
13       issued for delivery, amended, renewed or continued in this state on or  
14       after October 1, 2005, shall provide coverage for surgery and medically  
15       necessary post-surgical care ordered by a licensed physician for the  
16       treatment or management of obesity. As used in this section, "obesity"

17 means a body mass index greater than thirty.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require health insurance coverage for medically necessary weight reduction surgery.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*